

Assistive Technology and Access Evaluations

What are Assistive Technology and Access Evaluations?

They are 3-part evaluations completed by a medical professional who has expertise in home accessibility, construction, and assistive technology. These evaluations are centered around your choices.

What's there purpose?

- 1) To identify tools and strategies for removing barriers in your new home.
- 2) To help find ways to maximize your independence, assure the highest level of safety for you in your new home, and enhance the quality of your life.
- 3) Assist in making your transition successful

Where do the evaluations happen?

- 4) A professional will meet with you in the nursing home to get to know you and start considering ways to help you transition successfully. They'll consider your needs regarding communication, mobility, daily living, and accessing the things you enjoy in life.
- 5) They will visit your identified new home to look at ways to make it safe and accessible for you before you arrive. They may even install some items, like grab bars, before you move. They'll make recommendations for larger projects, like installing ramps or making your bathroom accessible, if needed.
- 6) The professional will then meet with you after you've moved to install other items and train you on Assistive Technology devices that they have recommended. Some examples are things like a hands-free telephone, adapted cooking tools or devices to help you lock the doors or watch TV. You can also have people who support you join in this training so they learn about your new tools.
- 7) There will be one last visit by the professional to your new home in order to make sure that all of the recommended tools and strategies are working well for you.

How is this evaluation paid for?

The evaluation will cost no more than \$600 and is paid for by your MFP Transition Funds. Items recommended will be paid for by both your MFP Transition Funds and your CFC Adaptive Equipment funding. The Assistive Technology and Access Evaluation will help you prioritize how to spend your Transition Funds in order to make the move to your new home as successful as possible.